

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-31 remain in the application. Claims 21-31 have been added. Claims 3 and 11 have been canceled.

Allowed/Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 16-20.

In the last office action, claims 3-5, 11 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for deeming claims 3-5, 11, and 13 allowable. Accordingly:

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 3. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 4-8 depend on claim 1 and are therefore patentable at least for the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 11. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 9 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 10 and 12-15 depend on claim 9 and are therefore patentable at least for the same reasons that claim 9 is patentable.

New claim 21 includes all the limitations of allowable claim 5 and original claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 21 is in condition for allowance. Claims 22-27 depend on claim 21 and are therefore patentable at least for the same reasons that claim 21 is patentable.

New claim 28 includes all the limitations of allowable claim 13 and original claims 9 and 12. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 28 is in condition for allowance. Claims 29-31 depend on claim 28 and are therefore patentable at least for the same reasons that claim 28 is patentable.

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Conclusion

For at least the above reasons, it is believed that claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-31 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

Respectfully submitted,
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